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## Top DEP Stories

Reading Eagle: Forty percent of homes in Pennsylvania have high radon levels

<http://www.readingeagle.com/news/article/forty-percent-of-homes-in-pennsylvania-have-high-radon-levels>

Carlisle Sentinel: DEP encourages periodic radon tests for homes

[http://cumberlink.com/news/local/dep-encourages-periodic-radon-tests-for-homes/article\\_33b95e87-b130-5c4e-b71c-ad4ead4d9fe9.html](http://cumberlink.com/news/local/dep-encourages-periodic-radon-tests-for-homes/article_33b95e87-b130-5c4e-b71c-ad4ead4d9fe9.html)

## Mentions

Clearfield Progress-News: DEP encourages residents to periodically test homes for radon

[http://www.theprogressnews.com/news/state/dep-encourages-residents-to-periodically-test-homes-for-radon/article\\_1a0e9ddb-496d-5655-86ed-e3c95118b7c7.html](http://www.theprogressnews.com/news/state/dep-encourages-residents-to-periodically-test-homes-for-radon/article_1a0e9ddb-496d-5655-86ed-e3c95118b7c7.html)

DuBois Courier-Express: Mill Creek Watershed benefits from acid mine grant

[http://www.thecourierexpress.com/news/local/mill-creek-watershed-benefits-from-acid-mine-grant/article\\_82973393-6ce9-5e61-9d4d-e63c1e4d353f.html](http://www.thecourierexpress.com/news/local/mill-creek-watershed-benefits-from-acid-mine-grant/article_82973393-6ce9-5e61-9d4d-e63c1e4d353f.html)

Lock Haven Express: Nicholas Packing plans are again a township topic

<http://www.lockhaven.com/news/local-news/2018/01/nicholas-packing-plans-are-again-a-township-topicwendy-stiverthe-express-nicholas-packing-plans-are-again-a-township-topic-nicholas-meat-packing-llc-and-the-planning-commission-of-greene-township-wh/>

## Conservation & Recreation

Williamsport Sun-Gazette: Step Outdoors events begin this Monday

<http://www.sungazette.com/news/outdoors/2017/12/step-outdoors-events-begin-this-monday/>

WESA: Butler County Retiree Spearheads Restoration of 50-Acre Lake

<http://wesa.fm/post/butler-county-retiree-spearheads-restoration-50-acre-lake#stream/0>

Tribune-Review: Westmoreland Heritage Trail's next meeting will focus on Export area

<http://triblive.com/local/murrysville/13137874-74/westmoreland-heritage-trails-next-meeting-will-focus-on-export-area>

## Energy

Reading Eagle: Letter: Leaders should fight plans for power plant

<http://www.readingeagle.com/news/article/letter-leaders-should-fight-plans-for-power-plant>

WITF: Transource granted permission to operate as utility in midstate

<http://www.witf.org/news/2018/01/-harrisburg---state-regulators.php>

## Mining

WITF: US coal mining deaths surge in 2017 after hitting record low

<http://www.witf.org/news/2018/01/us-coal-mining-deaths-surge-in-2017-after-hitting-record-low.php>

Miners Medical Center designated as Black Lung screening site

<http://wjactv.com/news/local/conemaugh-miners-medical-center-designated-as-a-black-lung-screening-site>

## **Oil and Gas**

Chester County Daily Local: DEP accuses Sunoco of unauthorized drilling

<http://www.dailylocal.com/general-news/20180102/dep-accuses-sunoco-of-unauthorized-drilling>

State Impact: DRBC's new rule would protect against frack-waste contamination, officials say

<https://stateimpact.npr.org/pennsylvania/2018/01/02/drbc-new-rule-would-protect-against-frack-waste-contamination-officials-say/>

State Impact: Environmental lawyer asks state Supreme Court to back up its order to Commonwealth Court

<https://stateimpact.npr.org/pennsylvania/2018/01/02/environmental-lawyer-asks-state-supreme-court-to-back-up-its-order-to-commonwealth-court/>

CBS Philly: Heating Oil Mishap Forces Woman Out Of Her Home

<http://philadelphia.cbslocal.com/2018/01/02/jonell-parker-heating-oil-mishap/>

WITF/StateImpact: Environmental lawyer asks state Supreme Court to back up its order to Commonwealth Court

[https://stateimpact.npr.org/pennsylvania/2018/01/02/environmental-lawyer-asks-state-supreme-court-to-back-up-its-order-to-commonwealth-court/?\\_ga=2.124003020.77411612.1514900809-882895250.1471610849](https://stateimpact.npr.org/pennsylvania/2018/01/02/environmental-lawyer-asks-state-supreme-court-to-back-up-its-order-to-commonwealth-court/?_ga=2.124003020.77411612.1514900809-882895250.1471610849)

Sayre Morning Times: Bradford County Commissioners criticize proposed settlement in Federal natural gas lawsuit

[http://www.morning-times.com/news/article\\_b233ec39-13eb-57cc-8c96-64b21225910c.html](http://www.morning-times.com/news/article_b233ec39-13eb-57cc-8c96-64b21225910c.html)

WESA: State Lawmakers Set Agendas For 2018

<http://wesa.fm/post/state-lawmakers-set-agendas-2018#stream/0>

Tribune-Review: Spill sites for Sunoco pipeline in Westmoreland County under evaluation

<http://triblive.com/local/westmoreland/13135945-74/spill-sites-for-sunoco-pipeline-in-westmoreland-county-under-evaluation>

Beaver County Times: Decision again delayed for potential Ohio cracker plant

<http://www.timesonline.com/news/20171228/decision-again-delayed-for-potential-ohio-cracker-plant>

## **Radiation Protection**

Tribune-Review: DEP urges testing for radon; 40 percent of Pa. homes said to exceed EPA standard

<http://triblive.com/state/pennsylvania/13135735-74/dep-urges-testing-for-radon-40-percent-of-pa-homes-said-to>

## **Water**

CBS Philly: Water Main Breaks Create Mess Across Delaware Valley

<http://philadelphia.cbslocal.com/2018/01/02/conshohocken-water-main-break/>

6ABC Philadelphia: Water main break affecting homes across Montgomery County

<http://6abc.com/water-main-break-affecting-homes-across-montgomery-co/2850874/>

NBC10 Philadelphia: Water Main Break Leaves Icy Mess on Northeast Philadelphia Roads

<https://www.nbcphiladelphia.com/weather/Minden-Road-Water-Main-Break-467654813.html>

The Corry Journal: Water-main break leaves Center Street intersection closed

[http://www.thecorryjournal.com/news/article\\_d7570d58-efdd-11e7-8e9c-375621a66934.html](http://www.thecorryjournal.com/news/article_d7570d58-efdd-11e7-8e9c-375621a66934.html)

Lancaster Farming: USDA Investing \$30 Million in High-Priority Watersheds

[http://www.lancasterfarming.com/news/main\\_edition/usda-investing-million-in-high-priority-watersheds/article\\_d927eeef-0301-575d-96a5-28efa19233f4.html](http://www.lancasterfarming.com/news/main_edition/usda-investing-million-in-high-priority-watersheds/article_d927eeef-0301-575d-96a5-28efa19233f4.html)

WITF/StateImpact: DRBC's new rule would protect against frack-waste contamination, officials say

[https://stateimpact.npr.org/pennsylvania/2018/01/02/drbc-new-rule-would-protect-against-frack-waste-contamination-officials-say/?\\_ga=2.52575726.77411612.1514900809-882895250.1471610849](https://stateimpact.npr.org/pennsylvania/2018/01/02/drbc-new-rule-would-protect-against-frack-waste-contamination-officials-say/?_ga=2.52575726.77411612.1514900809-882895250.1471610849)

Scranton Times: Scott Twp. sewer pumps to get upgrade

<http://thetimes-tribune.com/news/scott-twp-sewer-pumps-to-get-upgrade-1.2284615>

WESA: Pittsburgh Organization Offering Free Water Filters, Hosting Events On How To Prevent Lead Exposure

<http://wesa.fm/post/pittsburgh-organization-offering-free-water-filters-hosting-events-how-prevent-lead-exposure>

Observer-Reporter: Sewage authority to reorganize

[https://observer-reporter.com/news/localnews/sewage-authority-to-reorganize/article\\_f74d43c8-efd0-11e7-b535-d723facc02bd.html](https://observer-reporter.com/news/localnews/sewage-authority-to-reorganize/article_f74d43c8-efd0-11e7-b535-d723facc02bd.html)

KDKA: Lawrenceville Street Closed Due To Icy Conditions, Crews Working To Fix Leak

<http://pittsburgh.cbslocal.com/2018/01/02/lawrenceville-street-closed-due-to-icy-conditions-crews-working-to-fix-leak/>

WJAC: Water main break in Clearfield County leaves some without water

<http://wjactv.com/news/local/water-main-break-in-clearfield-county-leaves-some-without-water-in-cooper-township>

Tribune-Review: Hampton receives \$500K grant for sewage facility improvements

<http://triblive.com/local/alleghey/13136633-74/hampton-receives-500k-grant-for-sewage-facility-improvements>

Tribune-Review: Crews work to restore water to sections of Leechburg, Gilpin

<http://triblive.com/local/valleynewsdispatch/13137673-74/crews-work-to-restore-water-to-sections-of-leechburg-gilpin>

### **Miscellaneous**

Butler Eagle: Mars taxpayers face tax hike

<http://www.butlereagle.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20171223/NEWS01/712239799>

The Courier Express: Scarnati re-elected as President Pro Tempore

[http://www.thecourierexpress.com/news/local/scarnati-re-elected-as-president-pro-tempore/article\\_f9e8d592-1b91-5a86-8571-b3d84726c4e2.html](http://www.thecourierexpress.com/news/local/scarnati-re-elected-as-president-pro-tempore/article_f9e8d592-1b91-5a86-8571-b3d84726c4e2.html)

Reading Eagle: Letter: White House budget bad for environment

<http://www.readingeagle.com/news/article/letter-white-house-budget-bad-for-environment>

Tribune-Review: Pennsylvania Farm Show opens Saturday with exhibits on hemp, 'green' farming, STEM

<http://triblive.com/state/pennsylvania/13135938-74/pennsylvania-farm-show-opens-saturday-with-exhibits-on-hemp-green-farming-stem>

Post-Gazette: Thousands without heat as temperatures plummet in Pittsburgh region

<http://www.post-gazette.com/powersource/consumers-powersource/2018/01/02/Thousands-without-heat-temperatures-plummet-Pittsburgh-region-utilities-gas-electric/stories/201801020102>